

Application No. 09/711,469
Amendment dated June 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 21, 2005

Docket No. 232-4659

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-51 are pending in this application. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, all of the pending claims are cancelled and new claims 52-63 are added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103

In paragraph one (1) of the Office Action, claims 1-51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,067,624 to Kuno ("Kuno").

In paragraph two (2) of the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 7-10, 13-15, 18, 21, 24-27, 30-32, 35, 38, 41-44 and 47-49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,556,241 to Yoshimura et al. ("Yoshimura").

In paragraph three (3) of the Office Action, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29, 36, 37, 39, 40, 45 and 46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimura in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,386 to Hendricks et al. ("Hendricks").

In paragraph four (4) of the Office Action, claims 16, 17, 33, 34, 50 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimura in view of Hendricks and U.S. Patent No. 6,614,783 to Sonesh et al. ("Sonesh").

As indicated above, claims 1-51 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejections directed to these claims moot.

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New Claims

Claims 52-63 have been added to recite claimed invention in an alternative manner.

Claims 52, 55, 57, 60, 62 and 63 are independent. Support for the new claims may be found, for example, at Fig. 16 along with the disclosure of the original specification at page 31, line 25 through page 34, line 12. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by the new claims.

Specifically, the camera server apparatus of the present invention as featured in the new claims stores in the memory the real-time image data obtained from the camera device, and when the real-time image data is not distributed and/or when no user is accessing to a storage server apparatus (e.g., world-wide-web server apparatus), the camera server apparatus uploads the real-time image data stored in the memory to the storage server apparatus. In this manner, it is possible to upload the real-time image data stored in the memory to the storage server apparatus when the network is not busy, which realizes an effective uploading of the real-time image data to the storage server apparatus.

Applicant believes that none of the cited references (i.e., Kuno, Yoshimura, Hendricks and Soneshi), taken either alone or in combination, shows or suggests the invention recited in the new claims, e.g., determining whether image data are being distributed or whether any client is accessing to a storage server apparatus, and uploading the image data when the image data is not being distributed and/or no client is accessing to the storage server apparatus.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the application with the new claims is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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